GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Endowments Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "protection of hill slopes along Ghat Road" of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, Vijayawada – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri T.Chandra Kumar, former Executive Officer – Inquiry – Charges not proved - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 820 Dated: 09-08-2017

Read the following :-

1. From the GA (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.48 (C.No.851/V&E/D3/2008-1, dated 30-06-2012.
2. Govt.Memo No.32944/Vig.IV(1)/2012, dated 05-11-2012.
3. From the CED, AP, Lr.No.V1/47368/2012, dated 06-08-2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1620, Revenue (Vigilance-IV) Dept, dt.08-11-2013.
5. Explanation of Sri T.Chandra Kumar, Additional Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, dated 03-01-2014.
6. G.O.Rt.No.155, Revenue (Vigilance-IV) Dept, dated 27-02-2015.
7. From COI, GA(COI-KSR) Dept., D.O.Lr.No.28/COI.KSR/2015, dated 20-02-2017.

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O R D E R :

Whereas the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has submitted a report stating that certain irregularities have taken place in the execution of the work of "Protection of (Hill Sliding) hill slopes along with the Ghat Road of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, Vijayawada taken up by the Endowments Department and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the concerned officials, vide reference 1st read above. Sri T.Chandra Kumar, Executive Officer of the Devasthanam and Joint Commissioner of Endowments is one of the Officers against whom allegations were levelled.

2. And whereas after examining the Vigilance Report, Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri T.Chandra Kumar and framed charges for advancing an amount of Rs.55 lakhs to the Contractor, M/s. Pragathi Engineering & Rail Projects Pvt., Ltd., against to agreement conditions and without justification and permission from competent authority; failure to follow the recommendations of the G.S.I., in execution of the works such as widening work, cutting of overhanging slopes; construction of retaining walls on both sides to protect from the over hangings and for execution of works in certain reaches contrary to the recommendations of the GSI.

3. And whereas the Charged Officer has submitted his Written Statement of Defence, vide reference 5th read above and as the same is not convincing, the Government have entrusted the case to the Commissioner of Inquiries, vide reference 6th read above.

4. The Commissioner of Inquiries has submitted the Inquiry Report vide reference 7th read above observing that the Charged Officer took charge as Executive Officer of Devasthanam on 06-01-2008. Consequent to the stampede that took place on 03-01-2008, the District Collector held a meeting on 05-01-2008 with all the officers concerned and it was decided to take up the work of

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road widening by cutting and removing the hill projections at blind curves.Subsequently, a review meeting was held by the Principal Secretary, Revenue (Endowments) Department, on 09-07-2008 to expedite the work. The alleged amount of Rs.55 laksh was paid to the contractor on 03-06-2008 (Rs.30 lakhs) and 16-07-2008 (Rs.25 lakhs). Prior to this two bills have already been paid to the contractor on 21-05-2008 and 25-04-2008 which indicates that the work was already in progress and a further amount of Rs.55 lakhs (on 03-06-2008 and 16-07-2008) was paid to the contractor as adhoc payment for the work that has already been done which was not susceptible for measurement due to the prevailing situation at the work site and administrative exigencies.

5. In the Commissioner of Inquiry Report, it is further observed that it is evident from the running account bill (Exhibit D11) that the amount of Rs.55 lakhs was adjusted / recovered subsequently. It is also evident that in view of the change of scope of work the recommendations of GSI were not totally relevant to the work which was taken up as per the requirements as decided in the meeting held by the District Collector on 05-01-2008. The work was executed as per the plans and revised estimates (exhibit D15) under the guidance of technical experts decided by the competent authority. Therefore, held that the charge framed against Sri T.Chandra Kumar, cannot be held sustained.

5. And whereas the Government after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiry and decided to drop further action against Sri T.Chandra Kumar. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri T.Chandra Kumar, former Executive Officer, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, Vijayawada and Joint Commissioner of Endowments.

6. The Commissioner of Endowments, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. MANMOHAN SINGH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri T.Chandra Kumar, former Executive Officer, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, Vijayawada and now working as Additional Commissioner, O/o.Commssioner of Endowments, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
through: The Commissioner of Endowments, Andhra Pradesh, Gollapudi, Krishna District.
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Copy to :
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, AP Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur Dist.
The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
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